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TREASURER SCHWARTZ ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETING TO EXAMINE NEVADA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM

Carson City, NV – This morning, Treasurer Dan Schwartz announced a public meeting to receive input for a Bill Draft Request targeted at Nevada's underperforming K-12 education system. While recent headlines trumpet increased high school graduation rates, Nevada continually finds itself at the top of every bad and bottom of every good list when it comes to our education system.

"The situation goes well beyond the Nevada Legislature's failure to fund parental choice. In the three most recent studies I have seen, (across the nation) Nevada ranks 51st (dead last) in *Education Week's Quality Counts 2017* survey; 50th (dead last) in the *Annie E. Casey Foundation 2014 report*; and 49th in *2017 Kids Count Data Book report*," said Schwartz.

"As one of the elected officials charged with administering an education program, I have reached a point where 'enough is enough.' I don't have all the answers, but through meetings like this one, I want to understand what is holding us back and explore possible paths forward."

Treasurer Schwartz intends to look not only at how educational choice programs can play a role in fixing Nevada's education system, but across the issues broadly impacting Nevada's public schools.

Teachers, administrators and families with something to say are encouraged to attend and provide their thoughts. "I will use these meetings to write a bill draft for consideration during the 2019 Legislative Session," Schwartz said.

The first of what could be many meetings will be held on January 24, 2018 at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas and at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. The public workshop will start promptly at 10 AM.

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